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### **State Legislative Activity Report**

On September 30<sup>th</sup> Governor Brown completed action on bills for the 2011-12 legislative session. Having signed 876 bills this year, Governor Brown has signed 12,744 bills in his 10 years as Governor, which is a higher total than any of his predecessors since 1967. Our office is currently working on a summary of bills that are applicable to the County and will distribute shortly. In the meantime, please find a status of remaining county advocacy legislation below.

- County Supported AB 1712 (Beal) would provide additional clean-up to the California Fostering Connections Act of 2010 and clear the way for full implementation. Additionally, this legislation would change Transitional Housing Placement Plus (THP-Plus) Foster Care from a county approved program to a statewide licensed community care facility thus streamlining the process in the most cost efficient manner for the implementation of these facilities.

The Governor signed AB 1712.

- County Supported AB 2127 (Carter) would assist counties in managing their jail population by providing incentives for individuals convicted of low-level misdemeanors to successfully integrate back into the community by authorizing a sheriff or other designated official to grant work credit for documented participation in educational, vocational, substance abuse life skills or parenting programs.

The Governor signed AB 2127.

- County Opposed AB 2451 (Perez) would extend the statute of limitation to allow safety officer's dependents to receive worker's compensation death benefits where the safety officer dies of presumed job-related injuries. In addition to the California State Association of Counties, the League of California Cities and numerous local agencies are opposed to AB 2451 because benefit costs will rise at a time when local agencies are struggling to provide residents with basics services.

The Governor vetoed AB 2451. The veto message can be found [here](#).

- County Opposed SB 1222 (Leno) would impose hard caps on solar permit fees, create unnecessary and burdensome administrative process and erode city and county decision making authority.

The Governor signed AB 2451.

*The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.*

## State Legislative Update

- County Opposed SB 1246 (Hernandez) would impose additional penalties and regulatory oversight for staffing ration and patient classification systems noncompliance and hospital licensing violations. The bill sponsors, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the United Nurses Association of California, states SB 1246 would protect consumers by enforcing existing laws and regulations regarding nurses staffing in hospitals. Opponents such as the California Hospital Association, the California Nurses Association and other stakeholders indicate SB 1246 would impose non-immediate jeopardy penalties for hospitals without specific criteria, imposing unfair and inequitable distribution of penalties.

The Governor vetoed SB 1246. The veto message can be found [here](#).